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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 10000

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S.1, Special Branch, ~~Danenberg~~

REPORT

Date April 21, 1938.

Subject Letter from British Consulate-General : Carlos Orlando

Danenberg alias Orly - British Subject

Made by D.S.I. Logan

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C. Orlando S.I.

Reference the attached letter dated April 20, 1938 from the British Consulate-General, requesting information concerning Carlos Orlando Danenberg alias Orly, British Subject (Eurasian), this person first came to the notice of the S.M.P. during 1930, when he lodged a complaint against one M. Roubin, to the effect that the latter had snatched a satchel from him, containing photographs, etc., valued at \$200.00. In the course of enquiries into this matter it was learned that Roubin was in debt to Danenberg and in the absence of evidence to support the charge of snatching, it was strongly believed that the complaint made by Danenberg was baseless and merely a manoeuvre calculated to bring pressure on Roubin to cause him to settle the debt mentioned above.

Some time between 1925 and 1930, Danenberg married a Russian named Helena Yakovlevna Camarmetz, from whom he separated shortly afterwards.

Danenberg was next heard of on December 23, 1935, when one C. Schroeter (German), member of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, 26, Ying Ts Loo, Hangchow, Chekiang, made a complaint to the S.M.P., at Hongkew Station, to the effect that about the end of August, 1935, he entrusted his camera, which he valued at \$200.00, to Danenberg, in Hangchow, on the understanding that the latter would endeavour to sell it for him. Danenberg took the camera to Shanghai the next day and later returned to Hangchow without it, explaining to Schroeter that he had left it

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with a friend who was a prospective purchaser.

The camera was subsequently found by Schroeter in the Kan Sing Pawnshop, 168 Woosung Road, Shanghai, where it had been pawned for \$40.00 by a foreigner (unknown). Danenberg was not charged in connection with this case and it is not known whether Schroeter ever obtained compensation from him.

At the time of writing this report the S.M.P. is in possession of a Warrant of Arrest issued by the British Supreme Court for China, at Shanghai, on April 2, 1938, against Danenberg, on a charge of Larceny, Contrary to Section 2 of the Larceny Act, 1916. It appears, in connection with this case, that Danenberg succeeded in ingratiating himself into the confidence of a Siamese, namely, Chnar Anusara Soondora, wealthy doctor, at present visiting Shanghai, and after inducing him to engage Room 211 of the Yangtse Hotel, by means of a trick, gained access to his clothing, personal effects, etc., which he ransacked and from which he stole various articles valued at \$1,850.00, including Soondora's passport which was issued at the Siamese Embassy in Paris, and also his private banking code.

Danenberg's passport was not lost in the interior of China as claimed by him but was left in the possession of one R. Ilagan (American) in Shanghai, from whom it was recovered by the S.M.P., as security against a debt which he owed the latter.

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It is believed that Danenberg travelled to Hongkong on the s.s. "Empress of Japan" ex-Shanghai 23-3-38, in the company of one Jack Grey (British Eurasian) who frequently visits Shanghai from Hongkong for the purpose of recruiting cabaret girls for employment in cabarets in the Colony.

A letter dated April 13, 1938, on the subject of the charge of Larceny against Danenberg, was addressed by the Deputy Commissioner (Crime Branch) S.M.P. to the Commissioner of Police, Hongkong, but a reply has not yet been received.

Carlos Orlando Danenberg alias Orly is described as follows :-

British Eurasian,

Occupation - photographer;

Age - 42 years;


Height - 5'11";


Build - medium;

Complexion - dark;

Eyes - dark brown;

Hair - black, brushed straight back.


D. S. I.


D.C. (Special Branch).

REGIS. 3500
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL
P.O. BOX 259. SHANGHAI.

20th April, 1938.

Dear Bourne.

A certain Carlos Orlando Denenberg, arrived in Hongkong on 2.4.38. He stated that he was connected with the Chinese Government as an aerial photographer and had just arrived from the interior of China. He stated that his property, which contained his passport, was left behind in a town which is now occupied by the Japanese and he has, therefore, little hope of recovering it. He claims to have been born in Hongkong on 26.9.31 and produced a copy of the Hongkong birth registration in support of this. He further stated that he was connected with the L'Asis Photograph Studio, Gloucester Arcade, and would stay in Hongkong for a few weeks.

A source (who may well be unreliable) has stated that Denenberg has a criminal record in Shanghai and may also have some political connection with the Japanese.

I would be most grateful for any information you can let me have about this man.

Yours sincerely,

James Gordon.

Major K. M. Bourne, M.C.
Shanghai Municipal Police.



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Danenberg Is Sentenced To One Month In Gaol

Complex Larceny Case Brought To Close In Local British Court; Magistrate Says He Could Not Believe Story Of Camel Hair Overcoat

Sentence of one month's imprisonment at Ward Road Gaol, was passed on Carlos Orlando Danenberg, by Magistrate C. H. Haines in H.M. Police Court yesterday, when the accused was found guilty on charges of having stolen a camel-hair overcoat and a scarf from Dr. Edward Charles Coolidge, a Siamese subject, also known as Dr. Soondora.

The verdict which was meted out yesterday, brought to a close one of the longest and most complex larceny cases ever tried locally. The latter difficulty arose chiefly over the large number of witnesses which were produced throughout the hearings and the varying degrees of evidence which was received. As an example of this, James Roope, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution, was finally treated as a "hostile" witness by the prosecutor Mr. Watkin Williams, when it was disclosed that he had passed on a statement to Mr. R. L. Stuart, counsel for the defence.

Original complaints filed in the case alleged that Danenberg had stolen property to the value of \$1,000, together with a passport from the Siamese doctor. However the magistrate was unable to find sufficient cause to support the prosecution with regard to the missing property other than the coat and scarf.

Lied Stupidly

In summing up his decision, the magistrate declared that although the accused might possibly have travelled to Hongkong unintentionally, his subsequent actions with the scarf and coat were tantamount to conversion of it to his own use.

Continuing, Mr. Haines said: "Frankly, I don't believe his (Danenberg's) story that he left the coat with a dry-cleaner when he returned to Shanghai. His demeanour in the box was such that I was convinced that he was lying all the time—and he lied stupidly. I am quite certain that he did steal the overcoat, and I have no confidence whatever in the accused's statements. My conclusion is that he did steal the coat and scarf and that he has been endeavouring to explain away his conduct."

At this point Mr. Watkin Williams asked if the court wished to hear further police information regarding the accused's past, stating that such was a usual course in cases of a similar nature prior to the passing of sentence.

Detective Inspector Crighton of the Shanghai Municipal Police was called and stated that Danenberg first came to the notice of the police when he laid a false charge against a man named Ruben in November, 1930, which was subsequently withdrawn. Later a charge in connection with the theft of a camera from Hangchow was made against the accused, but this was also withdrawn. Among the papers found on Danenberg's person when he was arrested by the police, was

a deportation order from Canada.

First Conviction

Mr. Haines said: "This deportation order was made to prevent him from becoming a public charge."

Addressing Danenberg, Mr. Haines continued: "What I have just heard has not made any difference to what I was going to do with you. This is the first recorded conviction against you here, and, as I said before, I am going to take into consideration that you have already spent nearly three weeks under remand in custody."

"Nevertheless, the theft was a particularly mean one and you have not improved it by the lies you have told in the box. I did not believe you at all. You will be sentenced to one month's imprisonment, from to-day."

Earlier during the hearing, Mr. R. L. Stuart, counsel for the defence, called Mr. Ilagin, an additional witness, to give evidence in regard to two letters which Danenberg said he sent from Hongkong. The witness denied that he had received any letters from Danenberg, but said that when the accused returned to Shanghai, he mentioned the letters and said that they contained an explanation of how he had sailed for Hongkong, and referred to Dr. Coolidge's coat and passport.

Mr. Stuart then re-examined Danenberg, in connection with the contents of the letters. Danenberg replied that the first was a request to Mr. Ilagin to forward his funds in order to return to Shanghai, while the second, which he claimed to have mailed "poste restante" in Shanghai, asked why the first letter had not been replied to.

Wanted Instructions

Describing the contents of another letter which he said had been sent from Hongkong to Dr. Coolidge, Danenberg said that this letter also referred to the overcoat and passport, and asked Dr. Coolidge for instructions regarding them.

In reply to cross-examination by Mr. Watkin Williams, Danenberg declared that the letters to Ilagin and Coolidge had been written two or three days after he arrived in Hongkong. The second letter to Ilagin was sent not more than a week later.

"Why didn't you tell the Hongkong police that you wanted to return to Shanghai," asked Mr. Williams. Danenberg replied that he did, and although he had not mentioned it in his statement to the police, they knew it.

"I put it to you that your whole story is a fabrication; that you have never sent the coat to the cleaners and that you disposed of it," the prosecutor declared. "No, sir," replied Danenberg.

When sentence was finally declared by the magistrate, the accused turned tear-stained eyes around the court, then straightened himself and walked out of the courtroom in the custody of a police gaoler.

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DANENBERG MAY GET DEFENCE LAWYER

Magistrate Haines Again Adjourns Case In Police Court

Pointing out that he would talk with the Judge to see whether it would be possible to procure legal aid for the accused, Magistrate C. H. Haines once again adjourned the trial of Carlos Orlando Danenberg, on a charge of larceny, in the British Police Court yesterday morning.

Magistrate Haines stopped the proceedings when Danenberg was getting all involved in the course of his cross-examination of Dr. G. F. Coolidge, Siamese doctor, the complainant in the case.

Magistrate Haines adjourned the case until next Wednesday, Danenberg being again remanded in custody. Mr. P. Watkin Williams is appearing for the prosecution.

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Danenberg's 2nd Appearance

Prosecution Continues in Larceny Charges Against Briton; Visit to Empress Liner

EVIDENCE as to how the accused boarded the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan—ostensibly to say goodbye to a girl friend—and remained on board until after the vessel had sailed, was given in H.M. Police Court before Mr. C. H. Haines, Registrar, yesterday, when Carlos Orlanoo Danenberg, a British subject of Hongkong, made his second appearance, charged with the larceny of certain money and property to the value of \$1,000, belonging to Dr. C. A. Soondora, a Siamese physician educated in London.

Mr. F. Watkin Williams appeared for the prosecution, while Danenberg was not represented.

James Roope, aged 26, a cook of no fixed abode, said that he first met Danenberg in September 1935 at a Salvation Army Hostel, where the accused was living at the time. Later the witness, after staying ten days with his brother, went to the Yangtze Hotel at the corner of Hankow and Yunnan Roads. Here he was introduced to two men by Danenberg, one of whom was Dr. Soondora, who was introduced in the name of Dr. Coolidge.

The other person was known as Mr. Liang. A few days later, he was asked by Danenberg to stay with him at Room 519, Yangtze Hotel, and, in company with Dr. Coolidge, Mr. Liang, Mr. Ilagan and the accused, he stayed there from February 20 until April 18.

The accused also used Room 211 at the hotel as a sort of private office, and later as a living room for Dr. Coolidge. On the evening of March 22, the accused and the witness were walking around the passage way for about an hour discussing the question of the rent of Room 211. Danenberg told him that it amounted to \$109 and that it would be paid, adding that he would do his best to raise the money. Later he remarked "Don't worry, Jim, it isn't much money after all, and I can always get money if I want it." The accused then showed the witness a pile of money, adding "I don't quite want to pay for the room right now as I want Dr. Coolidge...." At this stage the witness hesitated, and, on being questioned said that he did not know whether they were Danenberg's exact words. The sentence was then struck out.

Continuing, the witness said that it was Danenberg's idea to hold up payment for the room for a time to make Dr. Coolidge feel sorry, hoping that Dr. Coolidge would try and raise money to pay the rent of the room.

Danenberg left Shanghai on March 23, and about a fortnight before this date he noticed that the accused possessed the passport of Dr. Coolidge which, he said, had been given to him for safe keeping. On the evening of March 22 the Yangtze Hotel No. 1 Floor Boy came into Room 519 and asked Danenberg for the rent of Room 211 and he answered "Wait." The rent was paid later. On March 22 Dr. Coolidge had to sleep out of his Room 211 as it had been locked.

Girl Friend

A request by Danenberg to the witness to accompany him to see a girl friend off on the Empress of Japan was made on March 23. When the accused came into Room 519, where Mr. Ilagan and Dr. Coolidge were sleeping soundly he was wearing a camel hair overcoat. He locked the door when they left the room and they proceeded to Room 211. Here

the accused moved about in an excited manner, and told the witness that he could use Dr. Coolidge's raincoat. A scarf belonging to the doctor was taken by Danenberg, while the camel hair overcoat, also belonged to this person.

From the hotel they went to the Sun Co. to buy a present, for which Danenberg paid \$5.50, for the girl friend, and from there to the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf where they boarded the Empress of Japan.

At the reception desk Danenberg asked for the cabin of a person named Sung, the witness being led to believe that the girl friend's name was Miss Mary Sung. They were told that the person was in cabin 425, but on going there they did not see anybody. After looking around the boat together, Danenberg asked the witness to stay at the cabin while he looked around upstairs. During this time the gong and siren went to summon non-passengers ashore, and running through the ship the witness was able to get on to the wharf. He immediately made his way to the Customs Jetty in order to meet the tender bringing back visitors from the Empress of Japan, but he did not see Danenberg.

At this stage Mr. Haines said that the case would be adjourned until Tuesday.

Danenberg, who had been holding a handkerchief to his face all morning complained of toothache and said that he wanted dental treatment and not medical treatment.

Regarding the question of bail, Mr. Haines said that if Danenberg could get two sureties which would satisfy the police he would consider granting bail at the next hearing.

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Danenberg Larceny **Hearing Adjourned**

The criminal charge instituted against Carlos Oriando Danenberg, a British subject of Hongkong, for allegedly having defrauded a Siamese, Dr. C. A. Soondora, of cash and valuables amounting to \$1000, was adjourned yesterday afternoon by Mr. C. H. Haines, registrar, to next Tuesday, in the British Police Court. The accused requested bail on grounds of a toothache, but Mr. Haines stated that he would consider granting bail at next hearing.

Fresh evidence was presented yesterday to the effect that the accused boarded the Empress of Japan on the pretext of bidding goodbye to a girl friend and remained on board until after the vessel had sailed, taking with him Dr. Soondora's passport. Mr. P. Watkin Williams appeared for the prosecution while the accused was not represented.

Danenberg's Application For Bail Is Refused

Briton Facing Larceny Count To Try To Provide Suitable Sureties During Remand; Accused Is Not Asked To Plead To Charge

After hearing the evidence of arrest presented by the prosecution, and prior to adjourning the hearing of the case until next Friday, July 1, Magistrate C. H. Haines, in the British Police Court yesterday morning, refused Carlos Orlando Danenberg's application for bail, ordering the Briton to be detained in custody during the period of remand.

Danenberg, alias C. A. Orly, 42-year-old Briton, was arrested on a British Supreme Court warrant on Friday morning by Detective Sub-Inspector John Crighton, of Crime Branch Headquarters, S.M.P. The warrant was issued on April 2, last, upon the complaint made by a Siamese subject, Dr. Char Anusara Soondara, that between March 25 and 27, at Shanghai, Danenberg stole certain articles of clothing, value \$1,500 and the sum of \$350 in cash, from him, contrary to Section 11 of the Larceny Act of 1916.

After Mr. Haines, sitting as magistrate, had the charge read out to Danenberg, he informed the accused that he would take the case under preliminary examination, as he did not know, until he heard the evidence, whether or not it was in his power to judge the case. He therefore, did not ask the accused to plead to the charge read out by the Court Marshal.

Danenberg then immediately asked that the case be dismissed and informed the magistrate that the complainant had written to the police requesting them to withdraw the charge. In this respect, at a later stage of the hearing, Magistrate Haines informed the accused that under British law, once a complaint is made, and a warrant issued, a complainant has no power to withdraw same. "You must get it out of your mind," Mr. Haines concluded.

Prosecution Opposes Bail

Under the direct examination of Mr. C. W. Williams, of Hansons, who appeared for the prosecution, Detective Sub-Inspector Crighton related that on April 2, he applied for a warrant on information of complaint and the British Consulate. He was unable to execute it—as the accused had left Shanghai—until 10.30 a.m. June 24, at the Crime Branch Headquarters, S.M.P.

At this stage Mr. Williams, in addressing the magistrate, pointed out that in view of the length of time between the issue of the warrant and apprehension of the accused, that he be detained in custody during the adjournment. "What has happened once, may happen again," he concluded, "I ask the accused to be detained in custody."

"Where are you living now?" the magistrate asked Danenberg.

"I am now in custody of the Police Headquarters," came the reply.

"But, where did you live?"

"In Shanghai. In various hotels," answered the accused.

Danenberg's Statement

Danenberg then asked permission to make an application for bail and make a statement. He informed the magistrate that he had been arrested in connection with the case in Hongkong, detained and then released on \$250 bail and two sureties. He also stressed the fact that although he was not extradited, he had voluntarily and on his own free will and accord, and at his own expense, left Hongkong and come to Shanghai.

Magistrate Haines interrupted him at this stage to point out that his object in coming back to Shanghai was to settle the matter with the complainant, and not to surrender himself to the police, which in fact he did not do, until Friday morning. In the course of his statement Danenberg admitted that he went to Hongkong without his passport, which was in the hands of the local passport officer.

Two Objections

Rising again, Mr. Williams placed two objections against bail being granted. First, that as Danenberg had gone to Hongkong not on his own passport, then he must have used that of another, and secondly, that when he returned to Shanghai, he went to the complainant and did not surrender himself to the police.

On hearing the prosecution, Mr. Haines said, addressing Danenberg, "I am afraid I must refuse bail. There is not sufficient guarantee of your coming back at the next hearing."

Prior to adjourning until next Friday, the magistrate informed the accused that if he obtained two sureties, which must be entirely satisfactory to the police, he would grant bail following the next hearing.

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Danenberg Bail Offer Refused By Magistrate

Briton To Be Detained To Friday, Day Of Next Hearing

Remanded in custody to next Friday by Magistrate C. H. Haines in the British Police Court yesterday morning, Carlos Orlando Danenberg, alias C. A. Orly, British, was refused bail.

Danenberg was arrested on Friday in the French Concession after a long search, and is accused of having stolen from Dr. Char A. Soondora, young London-educated Siamese physician, property to the value of \$1,000 last March.

In offering bail, Danenberg stated that he could produce bail in the form of a surety from the son of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Magistrate Haines informed the accused that he would have to be detained until the next hearing, when he would be granted bail if the sureties he would be able to produce were satisfactory to the police.

Asked whether the typewritten copy of his statement was identical in wording with the original written by him following his arrest, Danenberg answered in the affirmative.

According to this statement, he returned to Shanghai to square matters with the complainant. Magistrate Haines pointed out that it seemed the accused was under the erroneous impression that he could settle matters with Dr. Soondora out of court. The charge, he added, could not be withdrawn.

It is alleged that the property stolen by the accused consisted of money, clothing, a banking code and the physician's passport, after he recommended that the Siamese doctor take a room in the Yangtse Hotel at the corner of Hankow and Yunnan Roads.

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Danenberg Refused Bail; Will Answer Charges On Friday

Carlos Orlando Danenberg; alias C. A. Orly, 42 year old Hongkong born Britisher, was remanded in custody until Friday, July 1, this morning by Mr. C. H. Haines, Registrar of the British Police Court, after bail was refused.

Danenberg was arrested yesterday, on a British Court warrant issued last March, when he allegedly obtained from a Siamese Dr. Char Soondora, property, a passport and cash to the approximate value of \$1000.

According to the statement of the accused, he returned to Shanghai "to fix matters up" with the alleged victim, and when asked what bail he could produce, he said that he could obtain a surety from the Son of Sir Robert Ho Tung. Mr. Haines then told the accused that he would have to remain in custody until the next hearing and that he would be granted bail if the sureties that he may be able to produce then, would satisfy the police.

When asked whether the type-written copy of his statement was identical in wording with the original written by him, the accused said that it was as "Inspector Oighton and myself worked together on it."

The Registrar then told the accused that the latter seemed to be under the wrong impression of being able to settle matters directly with the complainant, out of court. This could not be done as the charge could not be withdrawn. Mr. P. W. Williams prosecuted, while the accused handled his own case.

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Briton Seized on Theft Charge of Siamese

London-Educated Doctor
Says He Lost \$1,000

An extended search ended yesterday with the arrest, by Detective Sub-Insp. J. Crighton, of C. O. Danenberg, British, on a charge of larceny. Danenberg was taken into custody in the International Settlement and will be brought before the British Police Court today. It is alleged that he stole various property, valued totally at \$1,000, from Dr. C. A. Soondora, young Siamese physician educated in London, last March after he had induced Dr. Soondora to take a room at the Yangtze Hotel, Hankow and Yunnan Roads.

The property abstracted from Dr. Soondora, who was a newcomer to Shanghai, is said to have consisted of money, clothing, a banking code and the physician's passport.

Danenberg was found yesterday in the French Concession and was persuaded to go to Police Headquarters in Foochow Road, where he was arrested.

Dr. Soondora hails from Chiang-mai, northern Siam, and is said to be well-connected in his country.

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Hongkew Police Station.
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Complaint against British subject.

At 12.10 p.m. on the 23-12-35, one C. Schroeter (German) of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, 26 Ying Ts Loo, Hangchow, staying at 1207/2 Yu Yuen Road on a temporary visit, came to the Station and requested assistance to recover a camera from the "Kau Sing" pawnshop, 168 Woosung Road.

Complainant stated that he gave this camera to a British subject named Carlos Danenberg in Hangchow towards the end of August 1934, on the understanding that the latter was to keep it for a few days and try to sell it or trade it with a 9mm. projector for moving films.

Complainant paid \$400.00 for the camera when new, and estimates its present value at not less than \$200.00.

Danenberg took the camera to Shanghai the following day, and returned without it, when he told complainant that he had left it with a friend who was interested and wished to trade it for a 9 mm. projector, and he made an appointment for the complainant to meet his friend at the Y.M.C.A., Shanghai, for dinner and to discuss the exchange but neither Danenberg or his friend turned up for the appointment.

After returning to Hangchow, complainant attempted to get into touch with Danenberg, but did not see him again for three months, during which period he had



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written two registered letters which remained unanswered.

When complainant eventually met Danenberg, the latter made excuses and said that he would get the camera back again and return it, but he did not keep his promise, therefore the complainant reported the matter to the British Consulate at Shanghai.

The British Consulate confirmed the fact that Danenberg was British, and, according to complainant, they despatched two letters to him, but received no answer.

Whilst looking for a 9 mm. projector in pawnshops on Woosung Road on the 23-12-35, complainant saw his camera in the "Kau Sing" pawnshop, 168 Woosung Road, displayed for sale at the price of \$80.00, whereupon he reported the matter to this Station.

The undersigned and C.D.S. 143 accompanied him to the said pawnshop and ascertained that the camera (a Leiss Tessar, Lens No. 524080, Frame No. 868388) had been pawned by a foreigner for \$40.00 on the 20-8-34, but the foreigner had not signed the usual guarantee form.

With permission of the pawnshop manager, the camera was returned to complainant on payment of the \$40.00 pawn money, and was signed for in book No. 11.

Complainant is in possession of the original bill for the camera. He was informed to take action against

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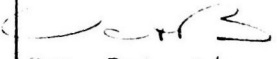
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Tanenberg through the British Consulate, as the offence was committed in Hangchow and Tanenberg is still residing at Hangchow as far as complainant is aware.


Sen. Det. i/c.


D.S.I.

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REPORT

Special Branch No. 4

Date November 28, 1933.

Subject (in full) The Shanghai Nursing Home.

Made by D.S. Tcheremshansky

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The Shanghai Nursing Home was established in 1930 under the name of the Blue Hospital at No. 185 Rue Dufour by Dr. R.I. Perevosky, a Russian Jewess. Dr. I. Rozenzweig, a Russian Jew, also had some connection with the hospital.

In 1932, as a result of bad business and debts, the hospital was sold by auction and was purchased by one S. Trevor Smith (File I.O. 5371 and E. 251), a British Eurasian, a man of doubtful reputation, who is the owner of the China Grass Spinning & Weaving Co., No. 264 Kiangse Road, Room 519. It is reported that S. Trevor Smith bought the hospital at the request of his paramour, one Mrs. F.Y. Dannenberg who became the manageress and ostensible proprietress of the establishment.

The business did not prove successful and the Shanghai Nursing Home had to borrow about \$3,000 from the Trifoor Bank, No. 8 Kiukiang Road. The loan agreement was signed by Mrs. H. Y. Dannenberg and was guaranteed by Mr. S. Trevor Smith. As the money was not repaid on due date and the case was placed in the hands of a lawyer, Trevor Smith later paid a few hundred ^{dollars} and promised to repay the balance by instalments. It is said that Shanghai Nursing Home also borrowed money from the China Finance Corp., No. 4 Hankow Road.

S. Trevor Smith, however, was no longer in a position to support ^{the} Shanghai Nursing Home, for during 1933 his business was very bad and he had to close the Phoenix Loan Co., No. 36 Jinkee Road, owing to lack of funds, and to dissolve his partnership with the China Ramie Fibre Co. (factory at No. 749 Kwenming Road) owned by Mr. E. Yannoulatos, a local Greek Merchant (File D4853). When Smith broke the partnership he was indebted to Yannoulatos to the extent of \$6,000 of which he

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has since repaid \$1,000. As security for the payment of the balance of \$5,000 he mortgaged his factory (The China Grass Spinning & Weaving Co.) to Mr. Yannoulatos.

Owing to these circumstances, the Shanghai Nursing Home will be sold by auction (See attached advertising dated November 20, 1935 from "The North China Daily News").

The staff of the Shanghai Nursing Home consists of:

Mrs. Helena Yakovlevna Dannenberg nee Camarinetz (File N.D.4211), Manageress and ostensible proprietress. She is a British subject of Russian origin born on July 21, 1903. Her father was a high official of the Irkutsk Supreme Court in Siberia. She was educated at the Harbin Gymnasium (Middle School). She arrived at Harbin from Russia in 1920 accompanied by her mother and sister. It is rumoured that when she was in Harbin she was the paramour of a man of doubtful reputation and that for some time she was also the paramour of Li Shao Chen, the Chinese Manager of the C.E.R. at Harbin. In 1925 she came to Shanghai from Harbin and she was employed with Sulzer Brothers, No. 4 Avenue Edward VII, as a typist. A few years ago she became the mistress of one Orly Dannenberg (File D.1341), a British Eurasian of doubtful reputation. When she found herself about to become a mother, Dannenberg married her against the wishes of his parents. About two years ago, Mrs. Dannenberg separated from her husband and became the mistress of S. Trevor Smith. In 1931 Mrs. Dannenberg was employed as a typist and cashier in the Blue Hospital. When this hospital was sold, she induced her lover, S. Trevor Smith, to purchase the establishment of which he later became the Manageress and ostensible owner.

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Dr. Nadeshda Mihailovna Antonoff (File D.2816 and D.4211) is a doctor of the Shanghai Nursing Home. She is a Russian, born on September 4, 1902 at Nagasaki, Japan. She resided at Harbin from 1904 until 1922. From 1922 until 1930 she resided in Germany where she received her education. Dr. Antonoff graduated from Munich University, Bavaria, in 1928. She came to Shanghai from Harbin on January 16, 1931. Dr. Antonoff was subsequently obliged to leave the Russian Medical Practitioners Society because the Society objected to her styling herself M.D., because in Russia this degree can be obtained only after writing a special medical thesis. It is rumoured that Dr. Antonoff practised abortion. Recently, Dr. Antonoff opened a hospital under the name of "Private Midwifery Institution" at No.2 Great Western Road. She resides at No.125 Seymour Road, Flat 4 (File D.4211 and I.D.5988).

Dr. Constantin Vladimirovitch Hochlachkin was a doctor of the Shanghai Nursing Home during the first part of 1933. He is a Russian, born in 1887 at Perm. He graduated from the Tomsk (Siberia) University in 1914 and practised in a small town.

He took part in the Civil War in Siberia on the side of the White Russian Army. Hochlachkin arrived at Shanghai in January, 1923. He is a specialist in women's diseases and it is rumoured that he practises abortion. He lives in an expensive style and is inclined to drink. He is the Honorary Secretary of Soro (Council of Russian Organisations at Shanghai) (File D.2982). He resides at No.18 Rue Corneille.

On the nursing staff of the Shanghai Nursing Home were:

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Solomonina Petrovna Hladnieff, Russian, born on August 12, 1878 at Transbaikai Province. She is an old professional nurse. She arrived in Harbin from Blagoveshensk, Siberia, in 1922. In Harbin she was employed with Dr. Zisman. She came to Shanghai in October, 1931 and soon after joined the Blue Hospital. When this hospital was sold and renamed the Shanghai Nursing Home she kept her former position as nurse.

Valentina Kurbatoff 22, Russian Soviet Citizen. She was educated at the Harbin Gymnasium (Middle School). Her father is an employee of the C.E.R.. She came to Shanghai from Harbin about two years ago and resided for about two months at No.44 Route Vallon, a boarding-house kept by her friend one Mrs. Wessels, who is a German citizen of Russian-Korean origin. Mrs. Wessels has been frequently seen in the company of Miss V. Kurbatoff at various amusement resorts. Miss Kurbatoff, shortly after her arrival, joined the Shanghai Nursing Home as a nurse and resided on the premises of the Hospital.

Ludmila Kurbatoff was employed as a temporary nurse of this hospital in 1933. She is a sister of the above-mentioned V. Kurbatoff, Russian, reported to be a Soviet citizen. She is about 24 years of age, and was educated at the Harbin Gymnasium (Middle School). About 5 years ago, she left Harbin for America. It is said that she received her training as a nurse in San Francisco. She arrived at Shanghai a few months ago and resided for about two months at No.44 Route Vallon. She left this house because her landlady, Mrs. Wessels, objected to late callers and the noise created etc. in her room. Miss L. Kurbatoff is employed at present as a canvassing agent of

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the Celesta Photo Studio, No. 868 Bubbling Well Road the owner of which is one Ghdanoff alias Jdanoff, a suspected Soviet Agent (File I.O. 8019^{D.9} and S216/33). Miss L. Kurbatoff, like her sister, is fond of a gay life. She resided on the premise of the Shanghai Nursing Home with her sister.

Susanne Alexandrovna Comarinetz nee Zilltus, who was also employed as a nurse, is the mother of the above-mentioned Mrs. Dannenberg. Mrs. Comarinetz is a Russian, born on August 21, 1882, at Riga, Latvia, formerly Russia. Her late husband was a member of the Irkutsk High Court. She arrived at Harbin from Blagoveshensk, Siberia, in 1920. In Harbin she worked for one Mr. Hasssek and later with the Wagon Lits Co.. Subsequently she became a teacher of the German language. She came to Shanghai from Harbin in October, 1929.

Attached herewith advertising from "The North China Daily News" dated November 20, 1933.

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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HOSPITAL FOR SALE

FOLLOWING a decision of the British Supreme Court in Shanghai, I have taken possession of the premises occupied by the "Shanghai Nursing Home" at 185 Route Du-four, in order to dispose of its assets.

I hereby inform all medical practitioners and the general public of the fact, and I am prepared to receive any offers or propositions in regard to the sale of the Hospital's contents.

A complete inventory of same may be obtained at my office.

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